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FILE HEADING

Reduction of the Shimoga College to the Status of a High School

From

The Insp[r] Genl of Edn[n] in Mysore

No 3928/119 Dated 6/11/1903 Received

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER

Recommends the Reduction of the Shimoga College to the Status of a High School with effect from the 1st January 1904

NOTES AND ORDERS

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Mysore Secretariat General and Revenue Sects Office Note

Secretariat of the Dewan of Mysore

(If any)

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Subject Letter No 3928/119 dated the 6th November 1903 from the Dfl of Education in Mysore, recommending the reduction of the Shimoga College to the status of a High School with effect from the 1st January 1904 as Mr King, the Master, will be retired from 31st July [illegible]

Private and Confidential

With reference to the above proposal the Dfl says that the College classes attached to the Shimoga College cost much to Govt viz Rs 12,355 a year against a fee income of Rs 254 He says that the students of Shimoga may seek admission either in the

Eastern 4 Districts and deputed for inspection work till the 30th June 1904 when he will retire as already ordered

4 The two assistant masters are also proposed to be drafted to the inspectorate till the 30th June 1904, when one of them will be appointed Deputy Inspector in the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr Venkatabrathayya and the other as Hd master of the High school, Chitaldrug, when the present incumbent Mr Arbuthnot retires

5 As the proposed arrangement will result in a saving, the Govt requests that a Senior Inspector of schools (to be in charge of the Eastern 4 District

V R file re Report on Public Instruction Mysore for 1901 02

dated the 30th March 19

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2. The improvement of primary education and raising the pay of the village school masters.

3. Provision for teaching all the B.A. subjects in one College etc

Some of the subjects referred to above were mooted in the Dasara Representative assembly of 1901, and as a result of the correspondence that ensued

It was ordered that a Commit
Consisting of Messrs Cook, Khabs
and Weir be appointed for Con
-ing them

This committee did not
meet, as Mr Cook was of opin
that the resolution of the Govt
India on the Report of the
Indian Universities Commn
should be awaited

9 Submitted for orders to
K C.S ~~Thef~~
13-11-03) L Anantarama Rao
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10 Abolition of a College may mean
at any rate the lessening of the
Grants for half the number
Students that study there But th
is to be much said in favour
imparting higher education in
in larger Places like Bangal
and Mysore

11 If Govt resolves on abol
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1- Report on Public Instruction in Mysore for 1901-02

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Of the other measures referred to above are

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Bangalore 12 Allyson

12 I am not sure that the C. of India will pass any resolution in Council Report as they are passing an Act I would suggest that the Committee if necessary be remodelled I remarked about binding up proposals about the improvement of Schemes B-9 Studies

13 Perhaps the observations of the Dy may be called for about the abolition of Shimoga College

14 Orders Solicited

H.H. Nanjundayya 15/11/10

The Dewan through the 2nd Councillor

15 I cannot find on the file the Note relating to the raising of the Shimoga High School to Second grade College I believe that that was a measure decided upon after careful consideration & I shall refer to me the acceptance of the proposal & record the instructions

to the status of a High school
would be a retrograde step
Shimoga is an important
centre. A second grade
college there is not in
my opinion a luxury - on
the other hand, it is serving a
most useful purpose - cost is
not of course the only consider
-ation in such matters the
Bhadra has for some time
past been in favor of
reducing the Maharaja's college
at Mysore from the 2nd
grade and the Shimoga
college to a High School
the proposal in regard to
the former was vetoed by
Govt in Pro No 15287 dated
14/5/07 as regards the latter
the Diwan in his note dated
30/3/03 submitting to H
Highness the Report on Public
Instruction in Mysore for the
year 1901-02 observed as
follows The Inspector General
has more than once urged the
abolition of the College class in
Shimoga and affording special

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Instructions to the Press

Please print the following paras 19 to 23 between

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2 19 From the Honorary Secretary of the Nagar Sabha at Shimoga - Petition dt the 19th February 1904 addressed to HH the Maharaja of Mysore Prays the Shimoga College may not be reduced to the Status of a High School

20 The Private Secy to HH has transferred the above petition to this office for Consideration and Submission in the ordinary Course

21 The papers Regarding the proposed Reduction of the Shimoga College to the Status of a High School were Submitted to the Dewan on 5/12/1903 May this be sent to the Asstt Secy with the Dewan in Continuation 2

VSR
5/3/1904

22 Yes

(Signed) K S Ishandrasekhara Iyer
5/3/1904

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facilities in the way of scholar-
ships to Shimoga students
to continue their studies
in Mysore or Bangalore - The
inconvenience of making the
I A class unwieldy with
increased numbers in these insti-
tutions has also of course
not to be overlooked - This
matter requires the serious con-
sideration of Government
I have once carefully con-
sidered the question and
also made local enquiries -
In the result - I am inclined
to think that the reduction
of the Shimoga College to a
High School would be a
mistake - If the numbers do
require strengthening, other
arrangements should be
made even though they are
likely to involve additional
cost -

16 This is not one of the sub-
jects referred to the Committee
constituted by the order of
14/5/01 above referred to

17 In my humble opinion
the Lieutenant General may

be informed that the Government are not prepared to accede to the recommendation

V. Krishnamurthy
4/12/03

To, the Dewan

1/12/03 H.V. Nanjundayya
4/12/03

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23 The question of reducing the Shimoga College to the grade of a High School about which Mr Bhabha has written more than once, is still pending, and I think, the time is now opportune to arrive at a solution Mr King will retire from 1st January next, and it is a point for consideration whether the College in its present state should be continued The strength and average attendance of the two F A classes were as below on the 30th June of each of the following years

	Strength	Average attendance
1902	32	26
1903	36	27
1904	29	Not known

The cost of maintaining the two college classes is reported to be nearly ₹12.000 It is however as much on the score of cost as on other considerations that a reconsideration of the status of this college is needed When I visited the College in March last, I found on enquiry that many of the boys in the F A classes belonged to Tumkur, Chitaldroog, Mysore and other Districts, and that they chose to attend a College for study, because their expenses were cheaper there than in other colleges On the 30th June last, of the 21 students in the Senior F A class, only 10 belonged to the Shimoga District and of the 8 in the Junior F class, only 4 so belonged Mr Bhabha does not appear to be far

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wrong when he says that the Shimoga students will find better instruction, a better climate and more liberalizing influences of town-life in Bangalore or Mysore than in Shimoga We have excellent students' Homes in both these places and it is only a night's journe from Shimoga to Bangalore I am therefore of opinion that we may with benefit to the Shimoga students, close the F A classes there and establish a few scholarships on a somewhat liberal scale for the benefit of the few students of the almad parts of the State The abolition of the college classes at Shimoga will cause little difficulty to the students of other Districts, who can, I think, equally well go to Bangalore or Mysore

24 If it is decided to reduce the college, we may have to maintain the Senior F A class in 1905, as it is possible the subjects finished till now in the Junior F A class of the Shimoga College may vary from those finished in other colleges On this point further inquiries will be made

25 Mr. Mullen sent with the Council proceedings

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I have bestowed on the subject my best consideration and after mature thought have arrived at the conclusion that Mr Bhabha's proposal is well thought out one Mr Bhabha in his letter dated 6th Nov '03 has briefly given his reasons for his proposal and I think it unnecessary to dilate on the same The chief objections raised against the proposal can be easily answered That Shimoga is an important centre no one denies but the question is how many studerts of Shimoga proper are benefitted by the existence of a 2nd grade college at Shimoga The number does not perhaps exceed a dozen Is the Govt justified in spending nearly 12000 rupees a year to give higher education to a dozen boys when it clearly knows that lementary education deserves to be further encouraged as the mass of the population being mostly unlettered, are groping in ignorance and are in the rear of civilisation? That the Primary, Industria and Commercial education should be placed on a firmer and sounder basis has been the gist of public

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lic opinion voiced now and again through public Journals This is a desideratum requiring the early attention of Govt It appears to me that the establishment or continuance of colleges for higher education without providing for a corresponding liberal and essential Primary education, is something like building an elaborate superstructure on a rickety basement During the days of the British Commission a college was established at Shimoga evidently on the ground that the people of the late Nagar Division had not easy access to Bangalore and Mysore With the advent of steam and electricity in Mysore, railways have been opened out in certain parts of the State and there is telegraphic communication to almost all the Taluk Head Quarters Anxious parents of Shimoga and adjoining Districts need therefore entertain no fear on the score of Bangalore and Mysore being too far to send their children for their higher education The distance between the farthest corner of the Mysore Province and Bangalore or Mysore could be easily spanned in

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a couple of days Living at Bangalore and Mysore may be a trifle more costly than at Shimoga but the more salutary climate, a better college staff and the manifold social advantages of a town life, more than compensates the trivial loss of a few annas and pies per month Some students may find it difficult to get accommodation This difficulty could be easily got over by giving preference for the occupation of the Students' Home, to studerts coming from these parts As for giving scholarships to poor and deserving students coming from these parts on a more liberal scale, there can be no objection Another fear is that the F A classes at Bangalore and Mysore may, consequent on the abolition of the college at Shimoga, become overcrowded Judging from the figures given in the 12 I G's report, there may be an addition of half a dozen studerts to each of the two classes of the two colleges This does not make any material difference as the number in the Madras colleges far exeeds our number producing equally good if not better

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better results The fact is, that in the college classes Professors are not expected to teach the students individually, as those who pass successfully through the portals of the Entrance examination the Matric, are considered to be not below par and to possess the knowledge of an average student who can, without much difficulty follow the Professor when he lectures In these circumstances I agree with the Dewan that the Shimoga college may be abolished without causing any inconvenience to the college-going public

17 It is desirable that atleast one of our colleges is equipped for instruction in all the Brancnes of Science required for the B A examination With a view to do this and to investigate and report to Govt the various requirements of the State in the educational department, especially to place the Primary Education on a firmer basis, a Committee presided over by the I G of education may be appointed

28 ~~with the Selection of the Dewan Sahib~~

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3	28 Submitted to the Dewan Sahib with another petition of the 15th December 1904 from the Honorary Secy of the Nagar Sabha protesting against the reduction of the Shimoga College to the Status of a High School. KSR 20/12/04 S M 20/12/04 B K Venkata Varadachariyar 20/12/1904

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OFFICE OF
~~THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF EDUCATION~~
~~IN MYSORE~~

D.O Bang lore 30 Dec 1904

29 From Wm Bhabha
Dear Mr Krishnamachariar, Govt of Mys

Mr King of Shemoga
has just been to see me
the Senior F A students of
this year he says are pre-
pared to leave this College
in January & join some
other College if scholarships
are given to them but the

30 *Submitted to His Highness*

30 I have given this subject my most careful attention on more occasions than one and the conclusion formed by me has been every time the same The proposal to abolish the two F A classes and reduce the institution at Shimoga to the status of a High School has already evoked much sentiment on the part of some of the towns-people of Shimoga, but the circumstances which existed when the F A classes were first opened in 1875 no longer exist now The Malnad parts of the country are no longer the terra incognita which they were considered to be in the earlier days and the facilities for easy locomotion which have since come into existence render any special treatment unnecessary to a large extent The wishes of parents and the sentiments of people having a local interest cannot be regarded as affording a proper criterion of decision in such cases

31 The average strength of the two F A

classes during the past three years has not exceeded 32 and the expenditure incurred on that account is out of all proportion But apart from the cost, there are other considerations also, which go to shew that we may do away with the college classes without much hardship and with prospective advantage This year out of 29 students, only 14 belonged to the Shimoga District and the rest to other districts The latter at present prefer Shimoga on account of the comparatively cheap cost of living and the large number of scholarships, freeships and half-freeships that exist there There are excellent hostels both at Mysore and Bangalore, and the addition of a few boys to the F A classes in these places cannot be said to swell the strength of the classes unduly In fact, the strength of our classes here is very moderate as compared with the classes in Madras The students will find a better climate and better surroundings also outside Shimoga I recommend therefore that His Highness may be pleased to sanction the reduction of the Shimoga College to a High School

32 It has been learnt from Mr Ring that

the junior F A students of this year are prepared to join someother college and he suggests that 10 scholarships of ₹ 10 each ma as a special case be given to such of the students as may require help I think this suggestion ma be adopted as it will afford a final solution of the question for one year

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Record of Case submitted for the orders of His Highness the Maharaja

Subject

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Order.

33 The proposal is I Consider Sound & is Sanctioned In view of the large Savings it will be possible to treat the Malnad Students liberally in the matter of Scholarship

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× I presume the Inspectorate question also will be brought up again +

KRW
21/1/03

34 Order as above
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for a sum of Rs 9 only
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4	35 To The Inspr General of Edn Principal, Central College & " Comptroller to the Govt of Bangalore Mysore

Govt Pros Nos 5880-2 dated the 10th January 1905 Sanctions the reduction of the Shimoga College to the Status of a High School with effect from the 1st January 1905, directs the grant of 10 Scholarships of Rs 10 each to be given for one year to such of the Junior F A class Students of the College as may require help to enable them to continue their Studies in Bangalore or Mysore and Requests the Genl of Edn to Submit suitable proposals for Revising the present Staff of the College and for granting a certain number of Scholarships to Mahmd Boys who may pursue a Collegiate Course of Study

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~~Office of Inspector General of Education in Mysore~~

No 3928/119

Bangalore 6th November 1903

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H J BHABHA Esq M A,
Inspector General of Education in Mysore

No 3928/119 Dated the 6th November 1903

~~To~~

~~H. V. Nanjapayya Esq B.A., B.L.,~~
~~Secretary to the Government in Imperial~~
~~General and Revenue Department,~~
~~Bangalore~~

~~Sir,~~

S.No.

I have the honour to inform you that by Proceedings No 153-4/3d dated 13th July 1903 the retirement of Mr A.G King Headmaster of the Shimoga College has been ordered with effect from 1st July 1904 I take the occasion therefore to recommend that the Shimoga College may be reduced to the status of a High School from 1st January 1904 Shimoga is only one night's journey from Bangalore and less than one day's journey from Mysore The number of students in the F.A. classes has always been small while the costs keeping up the College classes at Shimoga has been great. There were on 30th June last 32 studen

students on the roll of the two F A classes, but the average daily attendance for 1902-1903 was only 27 The total amount of fees collected from the F. A. classes during the year was Rs 254 while the College Department cost Government Rs 12,355 The Shimoga student will find better instruction, a better climate, and more liberalising influences of town life in Bangalore or Mysore than in Shimoga, and the excellent Students Homes which the generosity of Government has provided in these places can without difficulty furnish accommodation for them In the proposals contained in my letter No 5765/193 of 8th January 1903 there is provision for a sufficiently large number of scholarships in the two Colleges at Bangalore and Mysore, and these will be open to the Shimoga students. No poor boy of good abilities from Shimoga will thus be shut out from the advantages of College education, if my proposals are sanctioned For all these reasons I strongly recommend that the F.A classes of the Shimoga College may be abolished from January 1904.

2 The immediate savings effected by the abolition will amount to Rs 11,686 as shown below

	Rs
Headmasters pay at Rs 650 p m	7800
Two Assistant Masters on Rs 140 & 130 each	3240
Scholarships	500
Library grant	50
Headpeons wages	96
	Rs 11,686

There will in course of time be more savings when the writer, pandits and munshi who are paid on a higher scale than the corresponding officials of High Schools are retired or absorbed

3 For the half-year from January 1904 Mr Kung may either remain as Headmaster of the High School or do inspection work similar to what is proposed for Mr Venkataswami Nayudu till 30th June 1904 The two Assistant Masters may be temporarily drafted into the Inspectorate until 30th June 1904 One of them will be absorbed in the Inspection Branch of the Service when Mr Venkatapatarengar retires in July 1904 and the other in a High School when Mr Arbuthnott retires from the

4 From the savings which will be effected from the 1st July 1904, I request that Government may be pleased to sanction a Senior Inspector of Schools to take charge of the duties of Inspector of the Eastern Circle consisting of the districts of Bangalore, Kolar, Tumkur Chitaldroog and thus supply a great want which has long been felt in the Inspectorate.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

H J Bhabha
Inspector General

Received in the Govt Secretariat on the 25th day of February 1904

From

The Honorary Secretary
Nagar Sabha of Shimoga

Received in the Govt Secretariat
General Department
Reg. No. 1 - 1953 XL -
Date 25 - 2 - 1904

To

E Macnaughtan Esquire I C S
Private Secretary to
H H the Maharaja of
Mysore

From The Honorary Secretary of the Nagar Sabha Shimoga

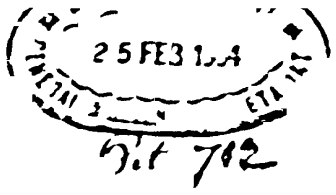
Dated 19/2/1904 - addressed to the Private Secy to H H the Maharaja

Sir,

In pursuance of a Resolution passed at the meeting held under the auspices of the Nagar Sabha on the 17th January ult at Shimoga, I have the honor to forward herewith a memorial from the people of Shimoga to His Highness, Krishnaraja Wodeyar Bahadur, Maharaja of Mysore and to request that the same may be placed before His Highness for favourable consideration

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
K Ramanna
Secretary
Nagar Sabha
Shimoga

19th February 1904
Memorial



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OFFICE OF THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO
HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

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By Order

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Private Secretary
to H H The Maharaja of Mysore

To.

His Highness Krishna Raja Wodayar
Bahadur
The Maharaja of Mysore

The humble memorial of the people of Shimoga
Most respectfully Showeth ——

That the strong rumour started that the Government
Contemplate to abolish the long standing and very popular
Shimoga College and thereby reduce it to the status of
a High School, has created very great anxiety and
Concern in the mind of the people of Nagar Division this
Step if taken, is sure to affect prejudically the interests
of the people of this Division and more especially of the
backward people of the Malnad

Shimoga has been the Head Quarters of the
Historical Nagar Division, Composed of the three Districts of
Shimoga Kadur and Chitaldroog - and the town Compares
well with those of Mysore and Bangalore in matters of
general

general importance. As such in the year 1875, the British Commission thought it wise to raise the status of the then existing High School to that of a Second grade College and it is the only 2nd grade College now existing in the Province.

Since then that it has been a very popular and efficient institution attracting peoples from not only the three districts but at times also from Bangalore and Mysore, will be evident from a study of the history of the institution and the available Statistics showing the numbers of Students that attended and passed the Matriculation and the F.A Examinations of the Madras University.

The individual attention which the College Staff was able to pay to the Students and the very satisfactory results the College has been showing in the University Examinations have tended to the steady increase in the number of Students, which your humble memorialists

beg to submit as a sure indication of not only the popularity of the institution but also shows that the backward classes of this Division are just beginning to appreciate the benefits of the institution which is within an easy distance of their homes

It is generally known that even at present, the people of the Malnad parts are more Conservative and backward in Education and so much home loving that they with greatest unwillingness and difficulty make up their minds to send their Children even as far as Shimoga Moreover the deterioration of the Arecca gardens in the Malnad and the failure of Coffee industry in Kadur District and the annual havoc the fell disease Plague is creating in the Division and the Consequent depression of trade have all Conspired to reduce the people to very poor Circumstances Under these Circumstances even in spite of the nearness of Shimoga to their homes and the less costly living in Shimoga and

the hitherto existing Scale of School fees, the expenses of
Education were being felt as a great burden on them
Besides in Medicine Engineering and other Professional
Colleges matriculates are not being admitted with the
result that the present FA is entrance Examination
of former days Hence the present College at Shimoga
is in this direction doing immense good to a large extent
So far as the Sagar Division is Concerned

Under such circumstances to abolish the College
and thereby driving the Students to seek Education at
distant and Costly places like Bangalore or Mysore
entailing in addition travelling expenses is to shut the
portals of Education to the people of these parts instead
of encouraging them to avail themselves largely of
the benefits of Education which ultimately make
them more enlightened Loyal Subjects of the Government

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Your memorialists respectfully beg to submit that the Spread of Education by the Establishment of the Schools and Colleges at Convenient places within the easy reach of all the Loyal Subjects of your Highness and thereby facilitate people to reap the benefits of Western Education only with a moderate cost is one of the greatest obligations of a paternal Government

Your humble memorialists will with equal pride and gratitude ever remember how our illustrious Sovereigns in Mysore have always been Solicitous about the Spread of Education even among the poor and backward classes in every part of their vast Dominions they themselves being great patrons of Learning

One other Subject with which your humble memorialists most respectfully beg to approach Your

Highness

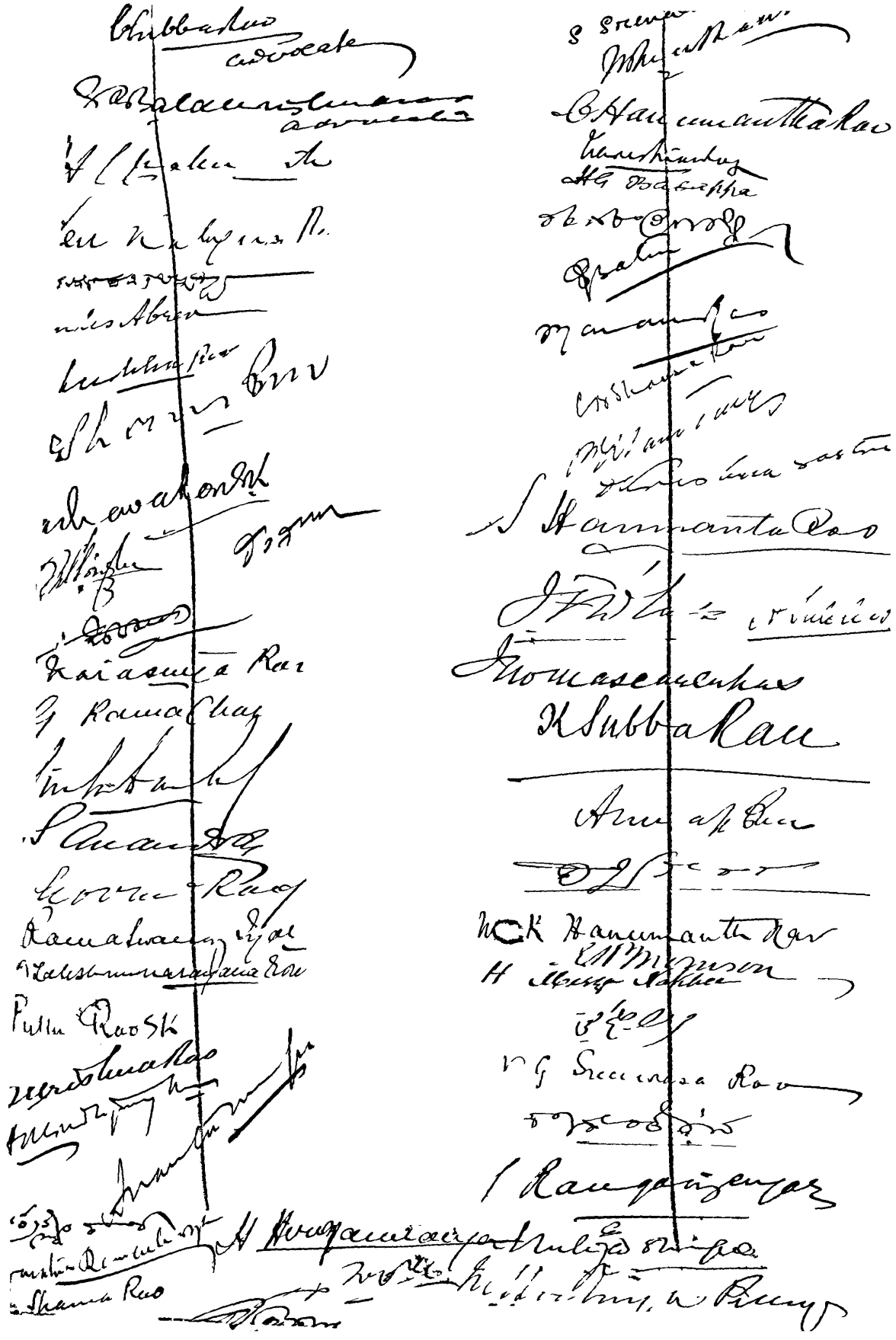
Highness to the recent enhancement of the School and College fees by about 20 to 25 per Cent As already submitted even the fees that were being paid prior to this were pressing hard on the poverty Stricken people of these parts and the present Scale will only crush them and make them despair of getting Education to their Children and thus measure is sure to increase their misery manyfold

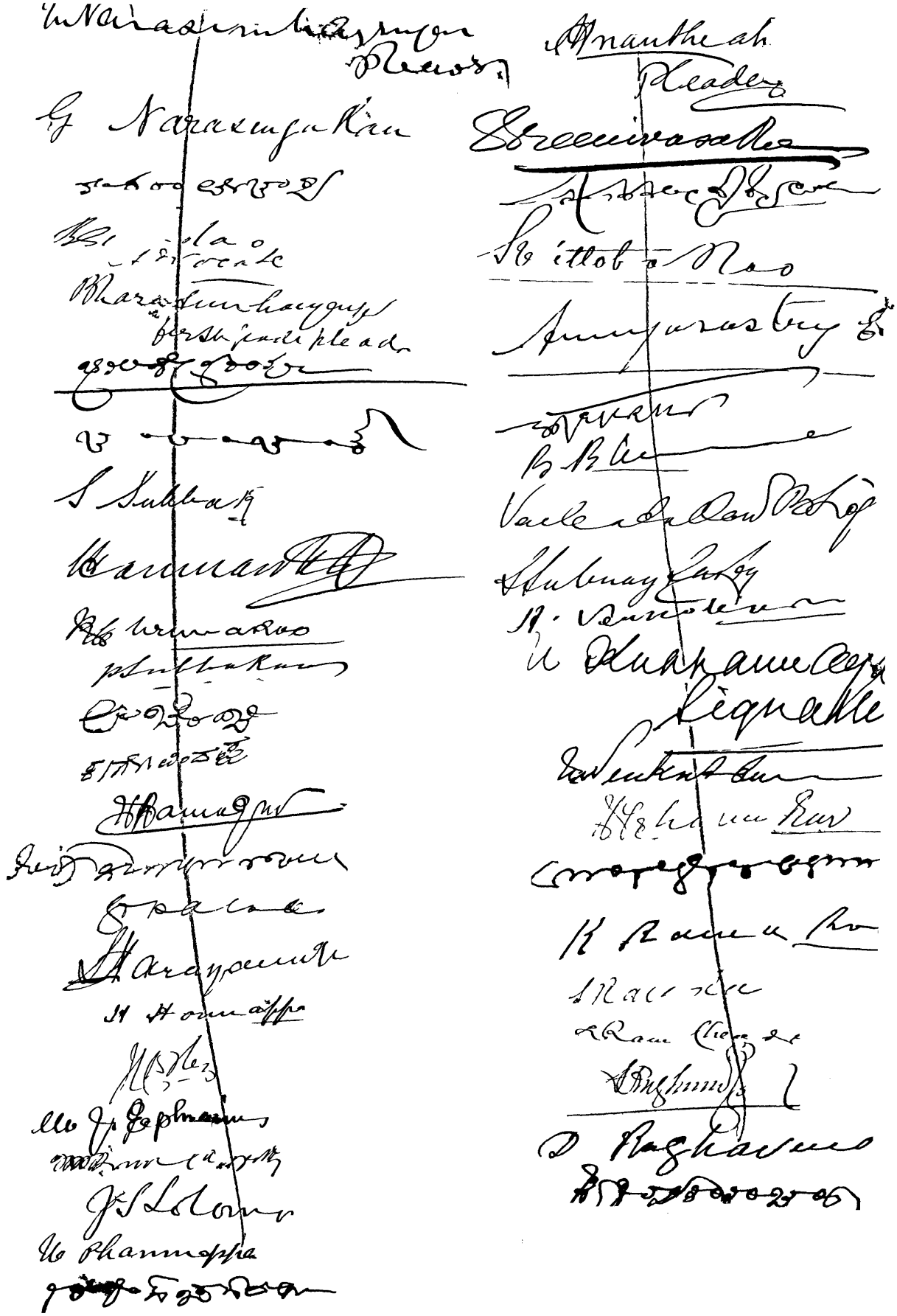
The Small Concessions Shown in the matter of freeships and Scholarships go only a very small way in helping the poor and the distressed

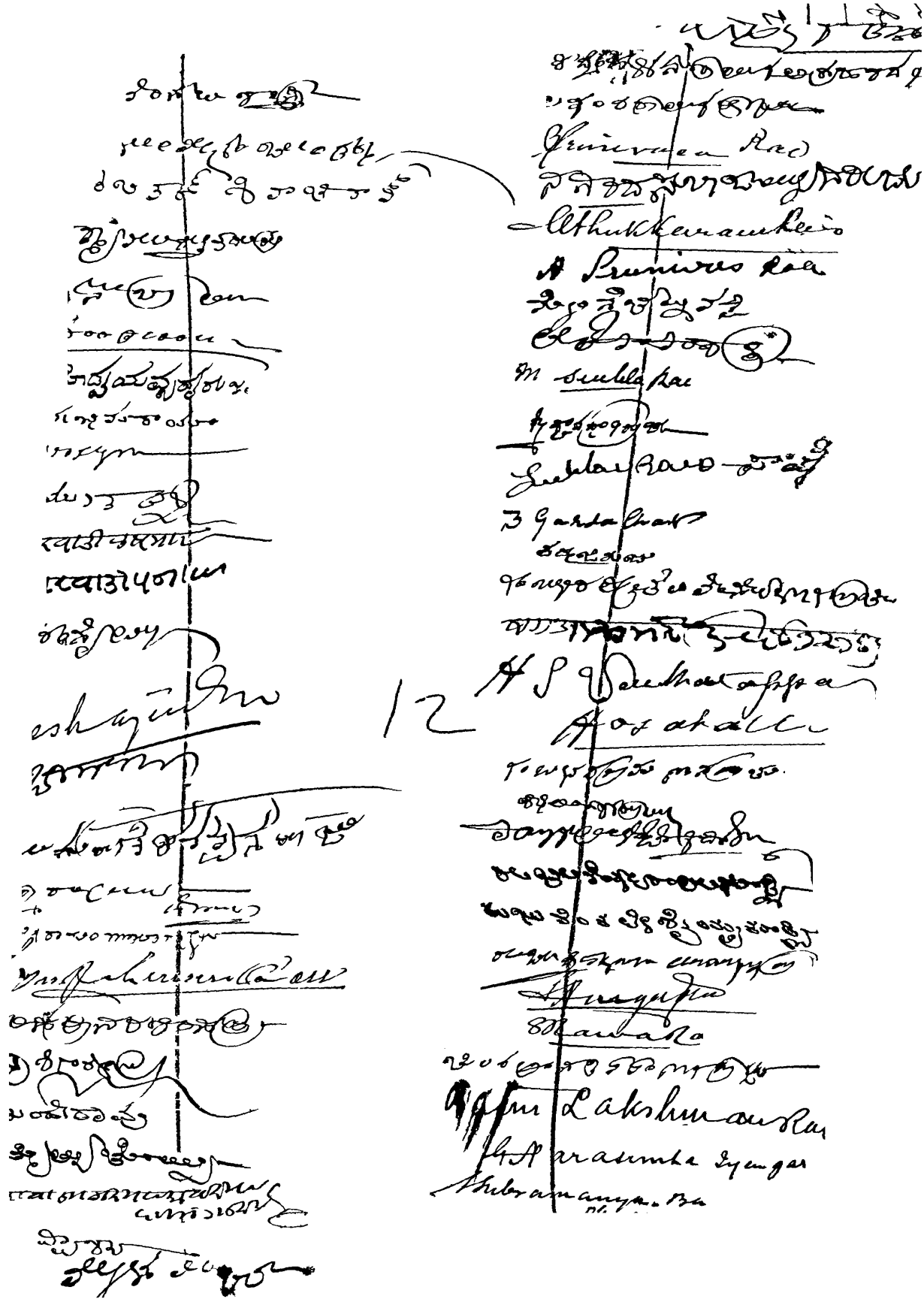
In Conclusion your humble memorialists most respectfully crave permission to beg that your Highness Government may be pleased (1) to Continue the College at Shimoga intact and thereby restore on the poor & loyal Subjects of Your Highness in this Nagar Division, the benefits of College Education (2) to kindly restore the former rate of School and College fees

19th February 1904
Shimoga

We beg to remain
your Highness's most loyal
and humble Subjects







Comparative Statement of the number of Students appeared and passed in Matric Examination from the colleges in the State from the year 1876 1903

Year	Bangalore				Mysore				Shimoga			
	Number Examined	First class	Second Class	Total per Centage	Number Examined	First class	Second Class	Total Percentage	Examined	First class	Second Class	Total Percentage
1887	69	3	22	36 2	30	3	15	60	3	1	8	69·2
1888	65	1	16	26·1	49	5	26	68 25		1	14	57 3
1889	71	2	16	25 3	51	1	13	27 5		1	8	25 7
1890	68	3	25	41 1	45	3	9	26·6		4	16	00 6
1891	66	8	33	62 1	40	1	22	57·5 7		2	14	59·3
1892	36	0	4	11 1	29	0	5	17 2		0	2	16·6
1893	33	0	13	32 3	26	0	4	15 4		0	5	31·3
1894	54	0	13	24	26	0	12	46·15		0	7	41 1
1895	80	1	25	32 5	28	1	15	57 14		1	7	44 4
1896	71	9	18	38 1	30	1	14	50		1	9	62 5
1897	76	5	15	26 3	145	1	26	58 7		1	7	47 05
1898	61	3	23	42 6	37	0	16	43 2		0	6	33 3
1899	61	0	19	31 1	32	1	11	37 5		2	9	35 5
1900	61	2	29	50 8	33	2	7	27 3		0	12	36 3
1901	68	1	25	38·23	43	0	23	55 49		1	7	66·66
1902		Information not available								0	7	54
1903				do						0	6	37 5

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To

B N Venkataramanadayanpar Esq
Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja
of Mysore. Local & Misc.
Bangalore

From The Honorary
Secretary of the
Nagar Sabha
Letter dt the 15th December
1904.

To Private IV
16/12/1904
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I beg to enclose herewith a memorial to His Excellency the Dewan and request that you may be pleased to place the same before His Excellency for his kind orders

I beg to remain
Respected Sir
Your most obedient Servant
N Ramaiah
Hon Secretary
Nagar Sabha

Received
15.12.1904

To

Sir C N Krishnamoorthy Rao KCIE

Dewan of Mysore

Bangalore

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number of + # students year by year and also the desire evinced by the people here in sending their children to the college, are unmistakeable proofs that the college has done immense good to the public and that the blessings of Education so kindly conferred by His Highness's Government are fully availed of by them It was also urged that the question of Cost may not be considered as one of the reasons for the abolition of the college, inasmuch as the Department of Public Instruction is not intended to be a remunerative one.

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Recently the public were apprised of the fact that the matter was

again before your Excellency and that final orders regarding the same would be passed soon. The public have availed themselves of this timely embellishment and are anxious to approach your Excellency and repeat the prayer contained in the memorial. They have accordingly resolved to send a deputation consisting of some of the leading gentlemen of Simoga and humbly request your Excellency to give fifteen minutes audience. I am directed accordingly by the meeting to humbly request that your Excellency may be kind enough to appoint the time and place where your Excellency may be pleased to give them an audience.

I beg to remain
Your Excellency's most
obedient servant,
H. Ramachandra
Hon Secretary
Nagar Sabha

Shimoga
15th Dec 1904

Rec'd the following
letter No 3928/119 dated
6th Nov 1903 from the
Inspector General of
Education recommending
the retention of the
Shimoga College to the
status of a High School
on the retirement of
Mr Keay the Headmaster

(Letter in extenso)

Orders

To The Insp. Genl. of
Edn in Mysore
" Principal, Central
College, Bangalore
" Comptroller to
the Govt of Mysore

Govt Pro No 5880-2 dd 10/11/03
Ed

The proposal
by Mr Rhodes has
long engaged the anxious
attention of the Govt
H H the Maharaja
It is stated that the
loss of A classes

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attached to the College
Class was much from Rs 1235
a year although a fee
income of Rs 254 Rs,
however as much on the
score of caste as on other
considerations that
a reduction of the
strength of this College
deemed necessary
The strength of the two
F A classes was as
below on the 30th June
of each of the following
years —

1902	—	32
1903	—	36
1904	—	29

Of these students,
it has been ascertained
that many belonged
to Jamalpur, Cuttack,
Gayapore and other
districts. On the 30th
June last, of the 21 students
in the Senior F A class,
only 10 belonged to
the Bhagalpur district
and of the 8 in the I F A
class, only 4 so belonged
The influx of students
from districts other

than Shemuga was due to the Comparatively cheap cost of living and the large number of scholarships, freeships and half fees available ~~that~~ at that time

2 The proposal to abolish the 7 A classes has already evoked much comment on the part of some of the townspeople of Shemuga, but the circumstances which existed when the 7 A classes were first opened in 1875 no longer exist now the healthiest parts of the country are no longer the terra incognita which they were considered to be in the earlier days, and the facilities for easy locomotion which have since come into existence render any special treatment unnecessary to a large extent. The wishes of parents and the

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settlements of people
having a local interest
would
no doubt to some extent
entitled to favourable
consideration, but
they cannot be regarded
as affording the only
criterion of decision
in such cases where
the excellent hostels,
both at Mysore and
Bangalore and the
addition of a few boys
to the 7 classes of the
institutions in these
~~the~~ places, cannot be
said to swell the strength
of the classes unduly
In fact, the strength
of these classes is
appears to be very
moderate as compared
with the classes in
Madras the Amounts
would fund a better climate
and better Sanitation
also outside Shemoga
In these circumstances
the Government of the
Kingdom is disposed that
the College at Shemoga
be maintained as a first

School from the beginning of the year 1905 so obviate any possible hardship to the students of the I & A ~~students~~ L.S. of 1904 the Government are pleased to sanction 10 scholarships of Rs 10 each per mensem as a special case, to be given for one year to such of the students as may require help the Inspector General is requested to submit suitable proposals for premiums the present staff of the college and for granting a certain number of scholarships to needy boys who may pursue a College course of study

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1/12/05

Secretary

To Non Gazetted Officers of E.D.

Participant Establishment

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

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EDUCATION

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File No 37 of 1903 04

Reduct o of th Sh m ga C llege to the st tus of a H gh School

' om t a I p t G al f Ed t n Mj ore No 3928—119 d t d 6th N mber 1903

R nm nd th d t n f th Sl mog C lleg to th t tu of a H gh Scl ol w th eff ct from tl 1 t J a y 1904

W th reference to the above proposal the Inspector General of Education says that the College classes atta hed to the Sl moga College cost much to (overnment viz Rs 12 3o5 a year a a nst a fee come of Rs 2o4 He says that the students of Shimoga may seek adm s sion eitl er in the Myso e Co lege or in the Central College Bai galore these places being only a i ight s journey from Sh moga

2 Tl e l ispector General of E l icat on also submits that tl e officers wl o will be set free by the p oposed reductio of the Sl ii oga C llege (iz one Head Maste i Mr King and two Ass stant Masters) may l e utilized elsewh re in the Department

3 He proposes tl it Mr King may be given the eastern 4 distr cts and deputed for inspection work t ll the 30tl June 1904 wl e i l e will retire as already ordered

4 Tl e two Assi a t Ma ters a e also pr posed to be drafted to the inspectorate till the 30th Ju i 1904 h i o o of them w ll be appoi ted Deputy Inspector in the vacancy cau ed by th reti e ie it of M V nl tapatha yei g r and the other as Head Master of the High School Ch taldi g when the p e e i t c mbe t Mr Arbuthnot retires

As the p opo ed ar ange ei ent w ll result n a savi g the Inspector G neral of Educa t on requests that a Senioi In pector of Schools (to be in charge of the e tern 4 d stricts) may be sanct oned permanently and thus the want of Ci cle Ii spector long felt l e supplied

6 In this connection it is s br tted that the idea* of reducing the Sh moga College to a H gh School was also thought of by the Dewan in his minute dated the 30th March 1903

I de fil R p t P bl I t t on My or f 1901 0

Along with this several other measures were mentioned by the Dewan as requi ing im mediate attention

7 His Highness the Mal raja in his orders dated the 8th April 1903 commanded that these matte s (the matters r ferred to by tl e Dewan) may be taken up by the Dewan in con sultation with the Second Councillor and Mr Bhabha

8 The other measures referred to above are—

i The bolit on of the h gh school classes at Channapatna Chikballapur and even Chitaldrug

ii The improvement of primary educ t on and raising the pay of the village chool masters

iii. Provision for teaching all the B A subjects in one college etc

Some of the subjects referred to ab ve were mooted in the Dasara Representative Assembly of 1901 and as a result of the correspondence that en ued it was ordered that a Comm ttee cons sting of Messrs Cook Bhabha and Wyer be appointed for con idering them

This Committee did not meet a Mr Co k s as of op nion that tl e resol ition of the Go ernment of I d a on the Report of the Indian Univers ties Commission should be a vaited

9 Subm tted f r orders to Secretary

K C S
13 11 03

J ANANTASAMI RAO
14 11 03

10 Abol tion of a College may mean at any rate the lessening of opportunities for half the number of students that study there But tl ere is to be much said in favor of imparting high- er education only in larger places l ke Bangalore and Mysore

If Government resolves on abolition t king the saving into consideration scholar ships should be liberally awarded—so as to enable the poorer students to resort to Bangalore or Mysore

12 I am not sure that the Government of India will pass any resolution on University Commission Report as they are passing an Act I would suggest that the Committee if necessary be remodelled and reminded about sending up proposals about the improvement of scheme of B A studies

13 Perhaps the opinion of the Deputy Commissioner may be called for about the abolition of Shimoga College

14 Orders solicited

H V NANJUNDAYYA
15 11 03

The Dewan through the Second Councillor

15 I do not find in this file the papers relating to the raising of the Shimoga High School to a second grade College I believe that that was a measure decided upon after careful consideration It appears to me the acceptance of the present proposal to revert the institution to the status of a High School would be a retrograde step Shimoga is an important centre A second grade College thereat is not in my opinion a luxury On the other hand it is serving a most useful purpose Cost is not of course the only consideration in such matters Mr Bhabha has for some time past been in favor of reducing the Maharaja's College at Mysore to the second grade and the Shimoga College to a High School His proposal in regard to the former was vetoed by Government in Proceedings No 15287 80 —Ed 522, dated 14th May 1901 As regards the latter, the Dewan in his note dated 30t March 1903, submitting to His Highness the Report on Public Instruction in Mysore fc the year 1901 02 observed as follows — The Inspector General has more than once urged the abolition of the College class in Shimoga and affording special facilities in the way of scholarships to Shimoga students to continue their studies either in Mysore or Bangalore The inconvenience of making the F A classes unwieldy with increased numbers in these institutions has also of course not to be overlooked This matter requires the serious consideration of Government' I have since carefully considered the question and I also made local enquiries In the result, I am inclined to think that the reduction of the Shimoga College to a High School would be a mistake If the inspectorate requires strengthening other arrangements should be made even though they are likely to involve additional cost

16 This was not one of the subjects referred to the Committee constituted by the order of 14th May 1901 above referred to

17 In my humble opinion the Inspector General may be informed that the Government are not prepared to accede to his recommendation

C S
4 12 03

18 To the Dewan

H V NANJUNDAYYA
4 12 03

From the Honorary Secretary of the Nagar Sabha at Shimoga petition dated the 19th February 1904, addressed to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

19 Prays that the Shimoga College may not be reduced to the status of a High School

20 The Private Secretary to His Highness has transferred the above petition to this office for consideration and submission in the ordinary course

21 The papers regarding the proposed reduction of the Shimoga College to the status of a High School were submitted to the Dewan on 5th December 1903 May this be sent to the Assistant Secretary with the Dewan in continuation ?

K S R
5 3-04

22 Yes.

K S CHANDRASEKHARA IYER
5 3 04

23 The question of reducing the Shimoga College to the grade of a High School about which Mr Bhabha has written more than once, is still pending and I think, the time is now opportune to arrive at a solution Mr King will retire from 1st January next and it is a point for consideration whether the College in its present state should be continued The strength and average attendance of the two F A classes were as below on the 30th June of each of the following years —

	Strength	Average attendance
1902	32	26
1903	36	27
1904	29	Not known

The cost of maintaining the two College classes is reported to be nearly Rs 12 000 It is however as much on the score of considerations that a reconsideration of the status of this College is needed When I visited the College in March last I found on enquiry that many of the boys in the F A classes belonged to Dharwar Chitaldrug Mysore and other districts and that they chose the Shimoga College for study because the expenses were cheaper there than in other Colleges On the 30th June last of the 21 students in the Senior F A class only 10 belonged to the Shimoga District and of the 8 in the Junior F A class only 4 so belonged Mr Bhabha does not appear to be far wrong when he says that the Shimoga students will find better instruction a better climate and more liberalizing influences of town life in Bangalore or Mysore than in Shimoga We have excellent Students Homes in both these places and it is only a night's journey from Shimoga to Bangalore I am therefore of opinion that we may with benefit to the Shimoga students close the F A classes there and establish a few scholarships on a somewhat liberal scale for the benefit of the few students of the Malnad parts of the State The abolition of the college classes at Shimoga will cause little difficulty to the students of other districts who can I think equally well go to Bangalore or Mysore

24 If it is decided to reduce the college we may have to maintain the Senior F A class in 1905 as it is possible the subjects finished till now in the Junior F A class of the Shimoga College may vary from those finished in other colleges On this point further inquiries will be made

25 This will be sent to the Second Councillor for his opinion

P N K

13 12 04

26 I have bestowed on the subject my best consideration and after mature thought have arrived at the conclusion that Mr Bhabha's proposal is a well thought out one Mr Bhabha in his letter dated 6th November 1903 has briefly given his reasons for his proposal and I think it unnecessary to dilate on the same The chief objections raised against the proposal can be easily answered That Shimoga is an important centre no one denies but the question is how many students of Shimoga properly are benefited by the existence of a 2nd grade college at Shimoga The number does not perhaps exceed a dozen Is the Government justified in spending nearly Rs 12 000 a year to give high education to a dozen boys when it clearly knows that elementary education deserves to be further encouraged as the mass of the population being miserably unlettered a general ignorance and want of civilization? That the Primary Industrial and Commercial education should be placed on a firmer and sounder basis has been the gist of public opinion voiced now and again through public journals This is a needed measure requiring the early attention of Government It appears to me that the establishment of one university college for higher education without providing for a corresponding liberal and efficient Primary education is something like building an elaborate superstructure on a rickety basement During the days of the British Commission a college was established at Shimoga evidently on the ground that the people of the late Naga Division had not easy access to Bangalore and Mysore With the advent of steam and electricity in Mysore railways have been opened out in certain parts of the State and there is telegraphic communication to almost all the taluk head quarters Anxious parents of Shimoga and adjoining districts need therefore entertain no fear on the score of Bangalore and Mysore being too far to send their children for their higher eduction The distance between the furthest corner of the Mysore Province and Bangalore or Mysore could be easily spanned in a couple of days Living at Bangalore and Mysore may be a trifle more costly than at Shimoga but the more salutary climate a better college staff and the manifold social advantages of a town life more than compensates the trivial loss of a few annas and pie per month Some students may find it difficult to get accommodation This difficulty could be easily got over by giving preference for the occupation of the Students Home to students coming from these parts As for giving scholarships to poor and deserving students coming from these parts on a more liberal scale there can be no objection Another fear that the F A classes at Bangalore and Mysore may consequent on the abolition of the college at Shimoga become overcrowded Judging from the figures given in the I G's report there may be an addition of half a dozen students to each of the two classes of the two colleges This does not make any material difference as the number in the Madras colleges far exceeds our number producing equally good if not better results The fact is that in the college classes professors are not expected to teach the students individually as those who possess successfully through the portals of the Entrance examination the Matric are considered to be not below par and to possess the knowledge of an average student who can without much difficulty follow the professor when he lectures In these circumstances I agree with the Dewan that the Shimoga college may be abolished without causing any inconvenience to the college going public

27 It is desirable that at least one of our colleges is equipped for instruction in all the Branches of Science required for the B A examination With a view to do this and to investigate and report to Government the various requirements of the State in the Educational Department especially to place the Primary Education on a firmer basis a Committee presided over by the I G of Education may be appointed

28 Submitted to the Dewan Saheb with another petition dated the 19th December 1904, from the Honorary Secretary of the Nagar Sabha protesting against the reduction of the Shimoga College to the status of a High School

K S R

S M J

20 12 04

B K VENKATA VARADA IYENGAR

20 12 04

29 D O Bangalore 30th December 1904 from Mr Bhabha Inspector General of Education

Mr King of Shimoga has just been to see me The Junior F A students of this year he says, are prepared to leave the College in January to join some other College if scholarships are given to them And with that view they have done two thirds of their F A work already On the other hand if Government should decide to keep on the Senior F A Class for a year in Shimoga, the present scholars and free students will remain in Shimoga They will probably be not less than 10 and may be more after the F A results are known about the 20th January If both classes are to be abolished, Mr King suggests that ten scholarships of Rs 10 each may as a special case be given to the boys of this year's Junior F A class to enable them to join the College at Bangalore or Mysore I shall feel much obliged if you will kindly let me know the decision of Government at your earliest convenience before the 9th January, on which date the Shimoga College will re open

Submitted to His Highness

30 I have given this subject my most careful attention on more occasions than one and the conclusion formed by me has been every time the same The proposal to abolish the two F A classes and reduce the institution at Shimoga to the status of a High School has already evoked much sentiment on the part of some of the townspeople of Shimoga but the circumstances which existed when the F A classes were first opened in 1875 no longer exist now The Malnad parts of the country are no longer the *terra incognita* which they were considered to be in the earlier days and the facilities for easy locomotion which have since come into existence render any special treatment unnecessary to a large extent The wishes of parents and the sentiments of people having a local interest cannot be regarded as affording a proper criterion of decision in such cases

31 The average strength of the two F A classes during the past three years has not exceeded 32 and the expenditure incurred on that account is out of all proportion But apart from the cost, there are other considerations also which go to show that we may do away with the College classes without much hardship and with positive advantage This year out of 29 students only 14 belonged to the Shimoga District and the rest to other districts The latter at present prefer Shimoga on account of the comparatively cheap cost of living and the large number of scholarships freeships and half freeships that exist there There are excellent hostels both at Mysore and Bangalore, and the addition of a few boys to the F A classes in these places cannot be said to swell the strength of the classes unduly In fact the strength of our classes here is very moderate as compared with the classes in Madras The students will find a better climate and better surroundings also outside Shimoga I recommend therefore that His Highness may be pleased to sanction the reduction of the Shimoga College to a High School

32 It has been learnt from Mr King that the Junior F A students of this year 1904, are prepared to join some other college and he suggests that 10 scholarships of Rs 10 each may, as a special case, be given for one year to such of the students as may require help I think this suggestion may be adopted as it will afford a final solution of the question

P N K

2 1 05

33 The proposal is I consider sound and is sanctioned In view of the large savings it will be possible to treat the Malnad students liberally in the matter of scholarships I presume the *Inspectorate question also will be brought up ag in

K R W

4 1 05

34 Order accordingly *at once* I am waiting for a *note from the Inspector General of Education

P N K

5-1 05

To the Inspector General of Education to the Principal Central College and to the Comptroller to the Government of Mysore Government Proceedings No 3880—2 dated the 10th January 1905

35 Sanctions the reduction of the Shimoga College to the status of a High School with effect from the 1st January 1905 directs the grant of 10 scholarships of Rs 10 each to be given for one year to such of the Junior F A class students of the College as may require help to enable them to continue their studies in Bangalore or Mysore, and requests the Inspector General of Education to submit suitable proposals for revising the present staff of the college and for granting a certain number of scholarships to Malnad boys who may pursue a collegiate course of study

R du t on f th Sh m o C lle to he t t f a H gh S hool

FILE No 37 OF 1903 04

From H J Bhabha Esq M A In pe t r Gene al of Educ tion in Mysore No 3928—119 dated the 6th No ember 1903

I have the honor to inform you that by Proceedings No 1534—Ed S 1 No 1 dated 13th J ly 1903 the retir ment of Mr A G King Head Master of the Sh moga Colle e has been ordered w th effect f om 1 t July 1904 I take the occasion there fore to recommend that the Shimoga College may be reduced to the status of a H gh School from 1st January 1904 Sh moga s on ly e ht s jour ey f om B g lore and le s han one day s journey fro n Myso e The numb r of stude ts in the F A classes ha al ays been small while the cost of ke p g up th e Coll ge classes at Sh no a h s bc p at l l e e were o 1 30th June la t 3? sti de ts on the oll of th e two F A cla s b t the ve e d ily attendance for 1902 03 was only 27 The total a n t of fee coll cted from th e F A cl sses dur ng the year was Rs 204 wh le the College Depa t ent c st Gov nmc t R 12 300 The Sh moga students w ll find better t u to a better cl ate and mo e lib ral sing influences of town life in Bangalo e or Mysore th n en Sh m ga and the excelle t St de ts Homes which the ge ero s ty of Governm c t has p ov d d i th se places can w th ou t d ff culty furnish accommodatio i for them In the p opo l co ta ted in my l tter No 5 65—103 of 8th January 1903 th e e is prov s on f a uffic e ntly lar e umbe of scl ol sh p in the t vo Colleges at Ban alore nd Mysore a l th ese w ll be open to the Sh moga students No poor boy of good abil ties fro n Sh no a will th s be sh t out f o n th e advantages of C ll ge education if my propo als are anct ned For all these reason I strongly recommend that the F A classes of the Shi no a Coll e may be abo i hed f o i January 1904

2 The immed ate savin s effected by the abolition will amount to Rs 11 686 as shown below —

	Rs
Headm ter s pay at R 650 p m m	7 800
Two A s t t Mast s on R 140 a d Rs 130 e ch	3 240
Schol rsh p	500
L br y gr nt	50
Head peon s w es	96
Total	11 686

There w ll in course of time be more savings when the writer pandits and munshi who are pa d on a h gher scale than the corre ponding offic als of High Schools are retired or absorbed

3 For the half year from January 1904 Mr King may e ther remain as Headmaster of the H gh S hool or do inspection work similar to what is proposed for Mr Venkata w mi Naidu t ll 30th June 1904 The two Ass stant Masters may be temp rar ly d ailed i nto the Inspectorate until 30th June 1904 One of them will be absorbed in the Inspection Br nch of the service when Mr Venkatapataiengar ret res i July 1904 and the other in a High School when Mr Arbuthnot retires from the same date

4 From the savings wh ch w ll be effected from the 1st July 1904 I request that Gov ernment may be pleased to sanct on a Senior Inspector of Schools to take ch a e of the duti s of Inspector of the Eastern Circle consist g of the districts of Ba alore Kol r Tum kur Chitaldrug and thus supply a great want which has long been felt in the Inspectorate

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From the Hono y S cr t y f the Nag S bha at Sh m ga d t d 19th F b u ry 1904 addre d to the Pr ate S creta y to H H ghn s the Mah ja

In pursuance of a Resolut on passed at the meeting held under the auspices of the Nagar Sabha on the 17th January 1904 at Shimoga I have S rial No 2 the honor to forward herewith a Memorial from the people of Shimoga to His Highness Kri hnaraja Wodeyar Bahadur Maharaja of Mysore and to request that the same may be placed before His Highness for favorable consideration.

Reduction of the Shimoga College to the status of a High School

To His Highness Kanthirava Raja Wodeyar Bahadur the Maharaja of Mysore the humble Memorial of the people of Shimoga most respectfully showeth

That the strong rumour started that the Government contemplates to abolish the long standing and very useful Shimoga College and thereby reduce it to the status of a High School has created very great anxiety and concern in the minds of the people of Nagar Division This step if taken is sure to affect prejudicially the interests of the people of this Division and more especially of the backward people of the malnad

Shimoga has been the head quarters of the historical Nagar Division composed of the three districts of Shimoga Kadur and Chitaldrug and the town compares well with those of Mysore and Bangalore in matters of general importance As such in the year 1875 the British Commission thought it wise to raise the status of the then existing High School to that of a Second Grade College and it is the only 2nd Grade College, now existing in the Province

Since then that it has been a very popular and efficient institution attracting peoples from not only the three districts but at times also from Bangalore and Mysore will be evident from a study of the history of the institution and the available statistics showing the numbers of students that attended and passed the Matriculation and the F A Examinations of the Madras University

The individual attention which the College Staff was able to pay to the students and the very satisfactory results the College has been showing in the University Examinations have tended to the steady increase in the number of students which your humble memorialists beg to submit is a sure indication of not only the popularity of the institution but also shows that the backward classes of this division are just beginning to appreciate the benefits of the institution which is within an easy distance of their home

It is generally known that, even at present the people of the malnad parts are more conservative and backward in education and so much home loving that they with greatest unwillingness and difficulty make up their minds to send their children even as far as Shimoga Moreover, the deterioration of the areca gardens in the malnad and the failure of coffee industry in Kadur District and the annual havoc the fell disease plague is creating in the Division and the consequent depression of trade have all conspired to reduce the people to very poor circumstances Under these circumstances even in spite of the nearness of Shimoga to their homes and the less costly living in Shimoga and the hitherto existing scale of school fees the expenses of education were being felt as a great burden on them Besides in Medicine Engineering and other Professional College Matriculates are not being admitted with the result that the present F A is entrance examination of former days Hence the present College at Shimoga is in this direction doing immense good to a large extent so far as the Nagar Division is concerned

Under such circumstances to abolish the College and thereby driving the students to seek education at distant and costly places like Bangalore on Mysore entailing in addition travelling expenses is to shut the portals of education to the people of these parts instead of encouraging them to avail themselves largely of the benefits of education which ultimately make them more enlightened and loyal subjects of the Government

Your Memorialists respectfully beg to submit that the spread of education by the establishment of the Schools and Colleges at convenient places within the easy reach of all the loyal subjects of Your Highness and thereby facilitate people to reap the benefits of Western Education evenly with a moderate cost, is one of the greatest obligations of a paternal Government

Your humble Memorialists will, with equal pride and gratitude ever remember how our illustrious Sovereigns in Mysore have always been solicitous about the spread of education even among the poor and backward classes in every part of their vast dominions they themselves being great patrons of learning

One other subject with which your humble Memorialists most respectfully beg to approach Your Highness is the recent enhancement of the School and College fees by about 20 to 25 per cent As already submitted even the fees that were being paid prior to this were pressing hard on the poverty stricken people of these parts and the present scale will only crush them and make them despair of getting education to their children, and this measure is sure to increase their misery manyfold

The small concessions shown in the matter of freeships and scholarships go only a very small way in helping the poor and the distressed

In conclusion your humble Memorialists more respectfully crave permission to beg that Your Highness' Government may be pleased (1) to continue the College at Shimoga intact and thereby bestow on the poor and loyal subjects of Your Highness in this Nagar Division the benefits of College Education (2) to kindly restore the former rate of school and College fees.

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Local Fund and Sanitary Education January 1905

Reduction of the Shimoga College to the status of a High School

From the Honorary Secretary of the Nagar Shabha dated the 15th December 1904

I beg to enclose herewith a Memorial to His Excellency the Dewan and request that you may be pleased to place the same before His Excellency for his kind orders Serial No 3

To S P N K Chamarti BL KCIE Dewan of Mysore Bangalore

May it please Your Excellency

In accordance with the Resolution of the public meeting assembled on 15th December 1904 at Shimoga under the auspices of the Nagar Sabha I beg to approach Your Excellency with the following few lines —

The public of Shimoga memorialised the Government in January 1904 anent the contemplated abolition of the Shimoga College and prayed that in the interest of people of the Nagar Division the College might not be abolished Various reasons were urged in support of their Memorial the chief of them being as follows —

The people of the malnad are generally backward and require greater stimulus in this matter than the people of the other parts of the State The existence of the College here for nearly a quarter century and the steady increase in the number of F A students year by year and also the desire evinced by the people here in sending up their children to the College are unmistakable proofs that the College has done immense good to the public and that the blessings of education so kindly conferred by His Highness Government are fully availed of by them It was also urged that the question of cost may not be considered as one of the reasons for the abolition of the College inasmuch as the Department of public Instruction is not intended to be a remunerative one

In the last Dasara Assembly Your Excellency was pleased to observe that on the question of cost alone the College would not be abolished There being thus no other circumstances that might be said to threaten the existence of the Institution the public were lulled into the belief that the abolition of the College was a matter of the past

Recently the public were apprised of the fact that the matter was again before Your Excellency and that final orders regarding the same would be passed soon The public have availed themselves of this timely intelligence and are anxious to approach Your Excellency and repeat the prayer contained in the Memorial They have accordingly resolved to send a deputation consisting of some of the leading gentlemen of Shimoga and humbly request Your Excellency to give them a gracious audience I am directed accordingly by the meeting to humbly request that Your Excellency may be kindly enough to appoint the time and place where your Excellency may be pleased to give them an audience

To the Inspector General of Education in Mysore the Private Secretary to Government Bangalore and Comptroller General Bangalore
to the Government of Mysore Proceedings No 3880 2—Edn 10th January 1905

The proposal made by Mr Bhabha has long engaged the anxious attention of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja It is stated that the two F A classes attached to the College cost as much as Rs 12 355 a year against a fee income of Rs 254 It is however as much on the score of cost as on other considerations that a reduction of the Status of this College is deemed necessary The strength of the two F A classes was as below on the 30th June of each of the following years —

1902— 2 1903—36 1904—29

Of these students it has been ascertained that many belonged to Tumkur Chitaldrug Mysore and other districts on the 30th June last of the 1 tudents in the Senior F A Class only ten belonged to the Shimoga District and of the 8 in the J F A Class only 4 so belonged The influx of students from districts other than Shimoga was due to the comparatively cheap cost of living and the large number of scholarships freeships and half freeships available there